

CORE Minutes-Aug 4, 2020

Zoom Meeting: 6:00 (Sue G)

Attendees: Bill Horn, Rick Mercier, Sue Gurley, Kayla Stewart, Kayla Williams, Jill Worthington, Barry Crust, Keiko Boyne, Paul Jeffers, Debbie Klosowski, Larry Dill, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes: July minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report \$15,332.01 balance. There were several spray charges from Washington Tree. Rick will check with Debbie Sage to clarify the spray bills, as it was our understanding we were scheduled to pay for the fall spray.

Staff Report-no staff reports

Website Update – Lori did updates regarding Zoom CORE meetings, and sculpture in the orchard.

Tree Maintenance

-Insect Update –Debbie has forward pictures from test trees. Apple maggots are showing up in this area. It was recommend that Debbie check the test trees after the last spray to determine effectiveness.

-Spray –Rick will contact Debbie Sage to set a date for next spray. CORE would like the last insect spray no later than August 21st

--Windfalls/dumpsters – Debbie informed group that there are a lot of windfalls. Kayla W sent email to adopters letting them know. Dumpsters are available for apples and branches

-Harvest

Dates and times for high density/espalier harvest-24th at 9:00 AM. Rick, Barry, Debbie and Jill will help with the harvest. CORE will donate to food bank but will keep some in the refrigerator for adopters with poor harvests. CORE routinely gave to food bank our surplus of unsold apples after the Squeeze.

-Pierce Co. gleaners and food Bank – September 8th gleaners are tentatively scheduled. They pick fruit only. They have a time limit so we may still have unpicked trees. This was true last year. CORE members plan to contact other food banks and groups to pick the trees. Adopters can pick from any unmarked trees between the 24th and the 31st. They should let us know if they had a poor yield, as we will save some apples from the High Density group in the refrigerator.

--Kiosk and High Density locks – Sue has obtained a lock for High Density gate. Its code and barn are the same.

Tree adoptions:

-Tree Adoption Update-Debbie/Kayla W.190 tree not including High Density adopted 129, any adoptions requests will pay \$70. Kayla suggested using on line applications for the future. Payment will still need to be done by mail.

-Updated Adopter List & Tree locations in kiosk

--Updated Tree Map – Sue map is updated, enlarged for barn, Kiosks and will be posted to website. Sue will thank Lori for the great job producing the maps.

--No Picking Signs – Sue G. There will be available outside of barn.

Signage/Tree Tags

--Personalized Tree Tag Proposal – Barry Crust has started creating signs for the adopter's trees. They are currently 6 in the orchard. Adopters can contact Barry by email. The cost is \$20 with \$3 going to the orchard. (Change from last month minutes) Next year there will be an insert with the tree assignment confirmations offering adopters the opportunity to get the signs and the cost.

--High Density Signs – Debbie (Info and type of signs)

QR Code – Dave D will contact Lori Forest to see if the website can interface with QR codes before putting QR code on High Density sign. Big John Trophies?

--CORE Recognition Plaque? It was proposed that we acknowledge the contribution of past members to the establishment and maintenance of the Orchard. Barry Crust presented a plaque idea that was approved by CORE vote. It can be currently seen on the barn.

CORE Banner – Sue G. (when to post?) - Tabled of a future meeting

Other:

Jill: Jill confirmed that there will be no tours of the orchard this fall.

Kris: Whenever you work" in or on "the orchard please sign in on the volunteer sheet in the barn. This includes everyone working with you. This unfortunately does not capture administrative hours. This is the on hours that the city needs reported which I have reported. I report three categories administrative hours, meeting hours and orchard hours. Administrative hours have been the hardest piece to capture since Covid-19 due to Zoom meetings. I used to route the Volunteer document at the meetings. I will go to the barn for orchard hours. Administrative hours will need to be reported to me at the monthly zoom meetings for the previous month. I have had several conversations with city lately. Volunteers are covered by Labor and Industry insurance. Debbie Sage uses the orchard hours to give the city credit/ funding from Tree City USA. I apologize for this section. However, we do have new members.

Next Meeting: Tues, Sept. 1 6pm Zoom